

Minutes
Woodstock Agriculture Commission
Monday, January 25, 2016 - 1:00 PM - Woodstock Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, D. Young, L. Weaver, S. Morse. Alternates: P. Miller, J. Hermonot, L. Auger

I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by R. Seybolt at 1:02 p.m.

II. Assignment of Alternates: None needed.

III. Public Participation: None

IV. Minutes of the December meeting: R. Norman moved to accept the minutes. S. Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed.

V. Old Business:

- a. **Woodstock Farm Map** – no new report
- b. **Town Owned Properties** – J. Walberg is continuing to work on this.
- c. **P&Z Language for Equestrian Academies, etc.** – R. Seybolt reported that the P&Z sub-committee is meeting the 1st Thursday in April. They are discussing set-asides in February or March. Motion made by R. Norman and seconded by L. Weaver resulted in discussion and suggested wording for Equestrian Academies. Voted and approved. Motion made by L. Weaver, seconded by S. Morse resulted in discussion and suggested wording for accessory apartments. Voted and approved. **Action:** R. Seybolt to send WAC recommendation to D. Fey and P&Z.

VI. New Business

- a. **February meeting** – It was decided that due to projected lack of quorum, WAC would not meet in February.
- b. **Other**
 - a. P. Miller spoke about Milk Promotion grant program – 139 out of 169 towns in CT serve breakfast at school (Woodstock does not). **Action:** P. Miller will call Kathy Bartlett, Cafeteria Coordinator, to see if she would be interested in the opportunity to serve breakfast. He will get the contact information from Milk Promotion Board.
 - b. P. Miller brought up concern about farmers losing access to leasing prime ad land to solar panel installations. **Action:** R. Seybolt will contact D. Adiletta regarding leasing town land.

VII. Announcements

- a. R. Norman reminded everyone of AG Day at the Capitol on March 16, 2016. Any nominations for Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year must be made by Feb. 26.
- b. R. Norman reported on the Vo-Ag Counseling Committee meeting. Woodstock has 6 candidates recommended into the Vo-Ag program. Ken Couture has not been able to get to the BOE to speak to them. **Action:** R. Seybolt to follow-up with BOE. **Action:** L. Auger to send letter to Woodstock Agriculture Society thanking them for their support in busing Woodstock middle school students to career day at Vo-Ag, pointing out the success in having 6 students nominated for inclusion in the program.

VIII. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 2:15 pm, seconded by D. Young. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.